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### **K20 Tests**

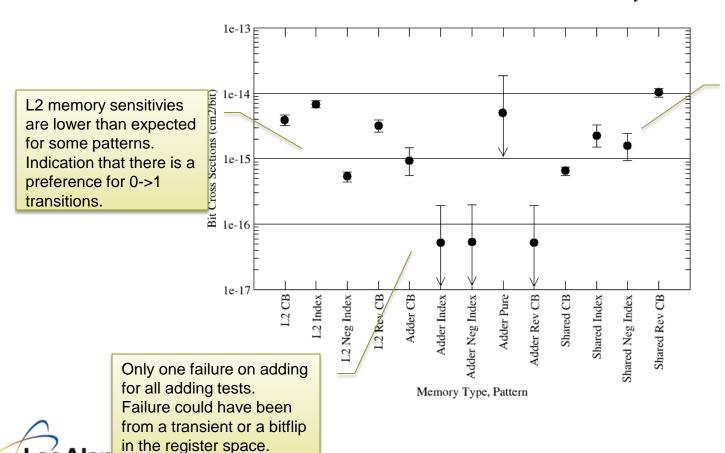
- The NVIDIA K20 was tested at the LANSCE ICE House in Sept 2014
- The tests focused on characterizing the different types of memories to get an understanding of the underlying neutron sensitivities of the component





### **Bit Cross Sections**

### Bit Cross Sections for L2 and Shared Memory



Shared memory sensitivies are different from the L2 memory. Indication that less of a difference between 0->1 transitions and 1->0 transitions.

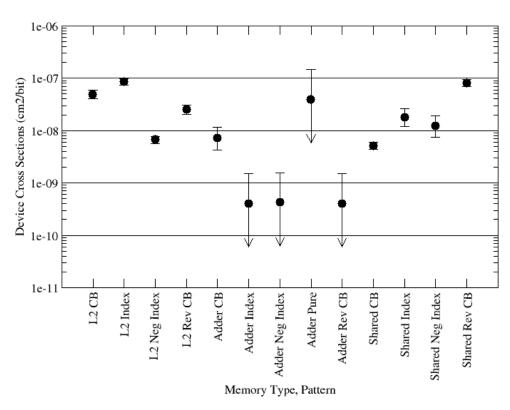
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# **Device Cross Sections: Bit Cross Sections Translated** to Full Devices

### Device Cross Sections for L2 and Shared Memory

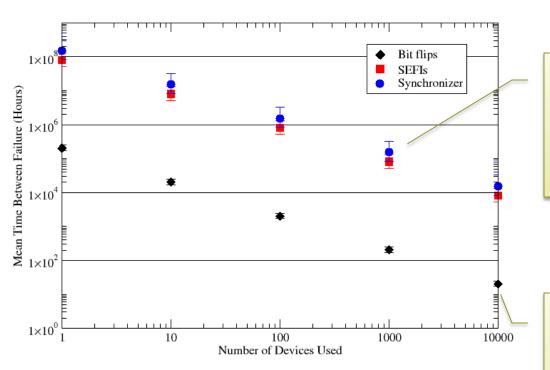






## **Projected Error Rates**

### Potential Error Rates



Thread synchronization failures due to radiation are possible, as well as crashing (SEFIs). Both have much lower error rates than just raw bitflips.

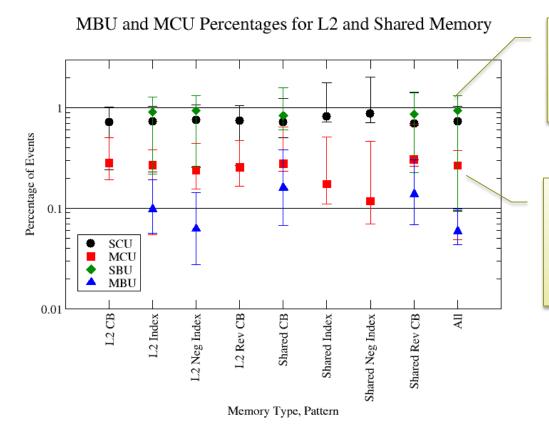
Possibly bitflips are only observable in very large clusters. Despite the large amount of memory on these components, the low neutron sensitivity is helping.



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## Categorization of Single-Event Upsets by Size



Most of the events are "single" type of events – either only one bit or one bit in one word are affected.

No real pattern dependence in MCUs. Most MCUs are not MBUs, which means that ECC should work in many cases.



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## Affected Bits and Words in Single-Event Upsets

Histogram of Number of Affected Words and Bits by Percentage

Most MCUs affect 1-4 words. Indication of by-4 interleaving?

Most MBUs affect a widely varying number of bits. Likely suspect are the 1->0 transitions.

